

News *from the* City of Gardner

A newsletter published for the residents of the City of Gardner
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May — June 2007

Citizen Committee Appointed to Review Property Maintenance Codes Changes



The City Council has been reviewing options to enhance the City's property maintenance codes.

The Council discussed a variety of property maintenance areas and determined that gathering resident and business input on some of the proposed changes to the City's code would be valuable in

determining the standards the community is seeking.

Some of things that the review committee will be considering are: height of grass, peeling paint on buildings, clutter and/or debris in yards or private property, storage of RV's and boats, percentage of hard surface allowed in yards, and much more. Recommendations from the committee will be given to the City Council for consideration. The Council will finalize the changes and set a date for approval at a regular meeting of the City Council.

Gardner Water "Best Tasting In Kansas"

The best tasting water in Kansas is produced by the City of Gardner, Kansas, says the team of professionals who judged water from Gardner and hundreds of other cities and districts. The contest was held in conjunction with the 40th Annual Conference & Exhibition for water and wastewater utilities sponsored by the Kansas Rural Water Association in Wichita. Nearly 2,200 people from 300 cities and 185 rural water districts attended.

A sample of Gardner's water will be entered with winners from other states at the "Great American Water Taste Test" to be held in Washington, DC on May 1 in conjunction with the National Rural Water Association Rally.



Gardner operates a 4 million gallon per day treatment facility which utilizes Hillsdale Lake as its water source. The City Council has allocated continued funding to improve the quality of our infrastructure.

Gardner Aquatic Center is Nearly Set to Open

Work on the Gardner Aquatic Center continues to progress on schedule for the much anticipated Memorial Day Weekend opening. Passers-by the facility will notice the rising bridge leading to the island in the middle of the lazy river. Umbrellas dot the facility to provide users with much needed shade from hot Kansas summers. The new zero depth entry pool has a great spray ground in brilliant colors of blue, yellow and red. Rising in the background are the three large water slides which will provide hours of fun for youth and adults throughout the City's Sesquicentennial summer. The new concession stand and the neighboring shaded eating area are nearly complete. Work on planting many of the new landscape areas is also underway.



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Visit the City's website for more information on opening day: www.gardnerkansas.gov/parks/park-pool.php

New Aerial Truck for the City



On April 6, the Gardner Public Safety Department's new aerial truck arrived. The truck's 100' articulating arm has a range of motion from 14 feet below grade to 100 feet vertical and can be operated from the bucket or from the ground. The apparatus will aid in the operation of rescue and firefighting on structures with large span roofs, such as schools, Trade-Net, Wal-Mart and other buildings now being constructed in Gardner. Visit the website for more information: www.gardnerkansas.gov

The Mayor's Message



Dear Residents,

We have been asked recently what steps our City would take in the event of an emergency or natural disaster. This is a timely question, as our City employees have been in classes recently to prepare for emergency responses of all sizes. We are participating in NIMS – the National Incident Management System. NIMS was developed so responders, during times of natural disasters and emergencies, can work with other responders from different jurisdictions to provide a unified approach to incident management and be prepared to do the very best in times of emergency. This training is comprehensive and it is taken seriously by our employees.

Gardner voters have selected three Council Members: John Shepherd and Dr. Todd Winters are our newly seated members, while Dave Drovetta begins his third term of service. All three Council Members were sworn in during the Council Meeting on April 16, 2007. Stepping down from eight years on the Council are Mary Peters, who served as Council Vice President, and Brad Weisenburger, who preceded his council terms with five years on the Planning Commission. Mary and Brad brought diverging and balanced ideas to the governing body, with Mary having lived in Gardner most of her life and Brad choosing Gardner as the place to raise his family. I know you join me in thanking Mary and Brad for their hard work and dedication to our City. Our new Council, consisting of President Dave Drovetta, Vice President Mark Raney and Council Members Tom Breen, John Shepherd and Dr. Todd Winters are ready and willing to continue the job of guiding Gardner's future. Please offer your support to them as they transition to their new role and begin working together.

Spring signifies promise and new beginnings. While celebrating our past and proud heritage in this 150th year, we have a new City Council who will face new challenges and who will make the decisions that will guide our future for years to come. New beginnings are exciting, like the opening of our new Aquatics Facility on Memorial Day weekend and the christening of Celebration Park in the fall. A blend of old and new – that is what makes us unique and brings out the best in us. It's an exciting time to be a part of this great community!

Sincerely,

Swearing in of New Councilmembers



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John Shepherd



Dr. Todd Winters

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Gardner Parks and Recreation

May-June 2007



Season Passes on Sale Now!

Resident Rates**

Family Pass (<i>Maximum of 5, additional persons \$15.00</i>)	\$135.00
Individual Pass (<i>All ages</i>)	\$75.00

Non-Resident Rates

Family Pass (<i>Maximum of 5, additional persons \$15.00</i>)	\$175.00
Individual Pass (<i>All ages</i>)	\$110.00

****Must show proof of residency at time of purchase**

Daily Admission

3 years and under	FREE
Ages 4-61	\$5.00
62 years and older	FREE



Opening Day:

May 26, 2007

Closing Day:

September 3, 2007

(Open on weekends only after August 12)

Hours of Operation:

1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Mon-Sun

Address:

Cornerstone Park, 215 N. Center

Telephone:

Pool (913) 856-8206

Weather Hotline (913) 905-1770

Parks and Recreation Office (913) 856-0936

2007 Swimming Lessons

REGISTER ONLINE at www.gardnerkansas.gov. Register one or more child in the convenience of your own home! A small handling fee will be applied.

WALK-IN at City Hall, 120 E. Main Street. Registration will be taken at the Customer Service Center located in the front lobby of City Hall from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.



Registration Fee is \$40.00 per person.

Make checks payable to: Gardner Parks and Recreation

Junior Lifeguard Program

Students will receive instruction in water safety, public relations, facility operations, water exercise, teamwork, leadership skills, basic work skills, Lifeguarding skills (including in-water rescue techniques: spinal extrication using backboard, duck pluck, deep water rescue, conscious and unconscious), CPR and First Aid. A waiver for participation and medical release form must be signed before or on the first day of class. Students must be 11-15 years of age and be able to swim 50 yards using crawl or breaststroke. Registration forms may be picked up at the Gardner Aquatic Center or at the Gardner Parks and Recreation Customer Service Center.

Age: 11-15

Date: June 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15

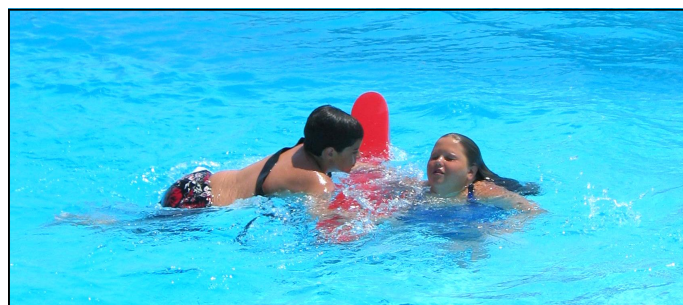
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Fee: \$45.00

Location: Gardner Aquatic Center

Instructor: Cyndi Bettge, Pool Manager

Bring Daily: bathing suit, towel, t-shirt/sweatshirt, snacks, water bottle, whistle (any kind) and goggles if needed.



Athletics

Adult Sand Volleyball

All leagues will consist of an 8 game minimum. Players must be 18 years or older. All games will be played at Westside Sports Complex. Top 2 teams in each league will receive awards.

Fees must be paid before the deadline. Only one check, money order or cash payment for the entire amount will be accepted. Teams will be accepted on a first come, first served basis until leagues are full.



*All Leagues are call your own
All Leagues are "6 on 6"
League Fees: \$100.00*

Summer Leagues

Program	Start	Day/Time
Co-ed Rec.	June 10	Sunday/1:00-3:00 p.m.
Co-ed Comp.	June 10	Sunday/4:00-7:00 p.m.
Co-ed Rec.	June 11	Monday/6:30-8:30 p.m.
Co-ed Comp.	June 14	Thursday/6:30-9:30 p.m.

Registration Deadline: June 1



Tennis Lessons

Introduce your child to tennis!

Kids will learn the basic fundamentals of tennis by playing games and participating in activities to enhance necessary skills. Instructors stress proper stroke and movement, while making learning fun and exciting. This program is designed for beginners and we provide all the equipment.

Future Stars (Ages 6-9)

Date: June 7, 14, 21 and 28

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

Location: GEHS Tennis Courts

Fee: \$25.00

Registration Deadline: June 1

Aces (Ages 10-12)

Date: June 7, 14, 21 and 28

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

Location: GEHS Tennis Courts

Fee: \$25.00

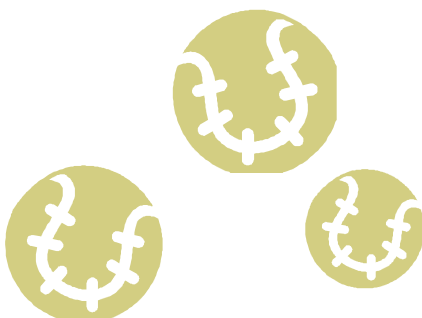
Registration Deadline: June 1



Total Baseball Camp

Maximum number of participants: 50

Coach Jerald VanRheen, Head Baseball Coach for Gardner-Edgerton High School, will cover hitting, pitching, catching, infield play, outfield play and base running in this two-day camp. Coach VanRheen is in his 13th year coaching at GEHS and has 4 league championships, 2 regional championships and 1 regional runner-up under his belt. He has had 28 players signed to play college baseball and was starting catcher for his college team for 4 years. He was signed by the Detroit Tigers in 1993 and worked as an Associate Scout for the Chicago White Sox.



Date: June 11 and 12

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Location: GEHS Practice Fields

Age: 5-14 Boys and Girls

Fee: \$50.00 (includes t-shirt)

Registration Deadline: June 4

(Late registration will be accepted, but baseball camper will not receive a t-shirt)



Adult Softball Summer League

"USSSA" Rules will apply

Leagues consists of a minimum of 5 week, 10 game, double-headers. Player must be 18 years and older. All games will be played at Westside Sports Complex. Top 2 teams in each league will receive awards.

League Fee: \$350

Fees must be paid before deadline, only one check, money order, credit card or cash payment for entire amount will be accepted. Teams will be accepted on a first serve basis until leagues are full.



Program	Start	Day/Time
Co-ed Rec.	June 17th	Sun/4:00-8:00 p.m.
Co-ed Comp.	June 17th	Sun/4:00-8:00 p.m.
Men's D	June 18th	Mon/6:30-9:30 p.m.
Men's D	June 20th	Wed/6:30-9:30 p.m.
Women's D	June 20th	Wed/6:30-9:30 p.m.

Registration Deadline: June 8th

Recreational Activities

Kids' Fishing Derby

Maximum number of participants: 75

Fishing is an American tradition that has much to offer young children. Not only does fishing give children the thrill and satisfaction of catching a fish, but more importantly, fishing gives youngsters the chance to experience the outdoors and to spend time with their family and friends.

Safety, regulations, ethics, fish biology, equipment and casting practices will all be part of these clinics conducted by the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks. Join us afterwards for a free barbeque lunch. Worms and goody bags are included. A limited number of poles will be available, so kids are encouraged to bring their own, if they have one.

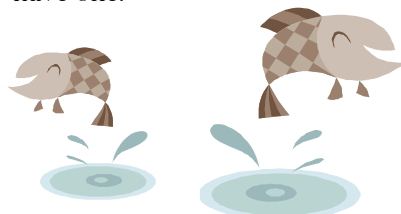
Date: Saturday, May 12

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Fee: Free

Location: Gardner Lake

Registration Deadline: May 4



Playgroups in the Park

This is your chance to get out with your kids and get to know other moms and dads! All ages are welcome! Gardner Parks and Recreation will provide a new activity for the kids each Playgroup. Please RSVP one week prior by calling 856-0936 as it helps us know how much supplies we need to bring. See you there!

In case of inclement weather, Playgroup will be cancelled and not rescheduled. Please visit www.gardnerkansas.gov for more information.



Dinosaur Hunt in Winwood Park

Date: June 7

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Fee: Free

RSVP: May 31

Father's Day Crafts at Cornerstone Park

Date: June 14

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Fee: \$4.00 (pay that day)

RSVP: June 7

July 4th Crafts at Stone Creek Park

Date: June 28

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Fee: \$4.00 (pay that day)

RSVP: June 21

Theatre for Kids Camp

During the 5-day camp, your child will learn basic singing and acting skills. Each day the kids will rehearse and prepare for their big début! Snack and drink will be provided, but each student will have to supply their own lunch. A complete musical performance will be performed the evening of the last day of camp. A different show will be performed in each Camp. The entire community is welcome to watch this free, fun-filled event!

Camp I Information

Date: June 11-15

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Ages: Grades 2-8

Fee: \$90.00

Location: Vocal Room at GEHS

Registration Deadline: June 2

Camp I Performance

Date: June 15

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Fee: Free Admission

Location: Cornerstone Park Amphitheatre



Camp II Information

Date: June 25-29

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Ages: Grades 2-8

Fee: \$90.00

Location: Vocal Room at GEHS

Registration Deadline: June 22

Camp II Performance

Date: June 29

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Fee: Free Admission

Location: Cornerstone Park Amphitheatre

Bike Rodeo

The Gardner Parks and Recreation Department, the Gardner Public Safety Department, O.K. Kids and Bass Pro Shops are combining efforts to bring you our 7th Annual Bike Rodeo!

We'll have volunteers on hand to check your bicycle's mechanical condition and make minor repairs. Public Safety personnel will engrave your bike with an owner identification number-free of charge. Each child will receive a free goodie bag and have the chance to win prizes donated by local businesses.

Date: Saturday, June 23

Time: 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Fee: Free

Location: GEHS Parking Lot

Age: 12 and under

Registration Deadline: June 15



Gardner Parks and Recreation Registration Form

Parent's Name: _____ Phone: _____ Work: _____

Participant's Name: _____ DOB: _____ Male Female (circle one)

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Program Title: _____ Day/Time: _____ Fee: _____

Credit Card Type:(circle one): Visa Mastercard Credit Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Email: _____ ☐ Yes, please keep me informed via email regarding upcoming programs and special events.

For information regarding our privacy policy in terms of use visit www.gardnerkansas.gov.

Return completed with check or money order, payable to: Gardner Parks and Recreation

LIABILITY RELEASE: I, as a participant or legal guardian representing a minor participant agree to release the City of Gardner, its officers, employees and volunteers, from an and all liability for accidents, injuries, loss of and/or damage to my/our person or property that may arise out of my/our participation in/ and our presence at the above activity(s). I/we understand the risks and possible dangers of participating in these activity(s). Also, I/we authorize the Gardner Parks and Recreation Department to use at its discretion any photograph(s) (black/white or color) taken of the participant while participating in the program and waive any and all claims that the participant or the undersigned or their heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns may have or claim to have result from such photograph(s) or reproductions thereof. I have entered into this agreement of my own free will.



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I have read and understand the liability release and refund policy;
Registration invalid without signature.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

City Project Update

Kill Creek Water Tower

Construction continues on the Kill Creek water tower, with the interior piping 90% complete. Electrical work will begin in May. Painting of the tower is scheduled to begin shortly. The water tower is currently scheduled to be placed in service this summer.

North Lift Station

The North Lift Station located north of 167th Street east of Gardner Road, is being built to replace the current North lift station. The new lift station is operational with completion of landscaping and fencing still ongoing.



159th Street Water line Project

Nearly half of this project is complete. 9,300 linear feet of 12 inch diameter water line on 159th Street, from Gardner Road to Kill Creek Drive, has been installed. When complete, it will provide a looped waterline system from the new tower to the existing system which will provide improved water volume throughout the north part

of the city. This project is scheduled to be completed in May.

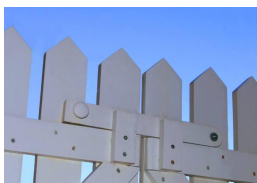
2007 Water Main Rehabilitation Project

This project is currently in the design phase and will consist of the replacement of approximately 3,000 linear feet of 6 inch cast iron main with a 12 inch PVC water main on the north side of US 56 from Center Street to Poplar Street. New fire hydrants will be installed along the length of the main along with all new service connections from the main to the meter. Approximately 2,000 linear feet of existing sidewalk will be replaced with a new 4 foot wide concrete sidewalk on the north side once the water main is installed. Construction of this project is tentatively scheduled to begin this summer and to be completed by Fall 2007.

SCADA Installation to Help Electric

The electric division is currently in the process of installing fiber optic cable for monitoring equipment between Substations #1 at the Energy Center and the Moonlight Substation. The controls will improve circuit monitoring and general system reliability.

Thinking of Building a Deck or Fence?



Now that the warmer weather has arrived, thoughts of outdoor improvement projects tend to pop up. Before you begin that fence, or deck that is higher than 30 inches off the ground, keep in mind that the City of Gardner requires a permit for both. Both permits are \$20 each. For both projects, you will need to submit a completed permit application along with a copy of the plot plan (or survey) of your property with the location of the proposed fence or deck indicated on it. Plot plans can usually be found in your mortgage paperwork. If you do not have one, however, we can generally locate one for you.

For decks over 30" off the ground, we will also need some drawings of the proposed work indicating the deck dimensions, size and spacing of the stud members used. When choosing the location for your deck, keep in mind that most backyards have a 25' rear and 9' side setback which means you cannot build within those areas.

Fences can be placed right on the property line, but cannot extend past the front plane of the house. Homes on corner lots and backing up to streets may also have some additional restrictions. Fence permits can usually be issued while you wait and deck permits generally take a couple days for approval.

If you have additional questions regarding decks or fences, please feel free to call the Community Development Department at 856-0913.

Community Calendar

Get your recipes in for the 150 Cookbook ASAP!

May 10th is the deadline. Drop off or mail to City Hall or email to recipes.150yrs@yahoo.com



May through June 2007

Gardner Museum
Kansas & Local
Gardner History
Exhibits

www.gardnerhistorymuseum.org

Large Item Spring Clean-Up May 12th

See back page for more information



Kid's Fishing Derby May 12th at

Gardner Lake

For more info, see gardnerkansas.gov/parks/event-fishingderby.php

City Offices Closed in honor of
Memorial Day on
Monday, **May 28th**

Bike Rodeo June 23rd at GEHS

gardnerkansas.gov/parks/event-bikerodeo.php



Check the City's Website for 150 Events — Did you know a **Circus** and a **Rodeo** are coming to town?

www.gardnerkansas.gov

Lost a Pet?
Check our Lost
Animals Page at



www.gardnerkansas.gov/go/lost_animals.php

Remember the Large Item Spring Clean-up—May 12, 2007

Have some large items to dispose of and don't know what to do? Take part in the Large Item Spring Clean-up on May 12, 2007. There is no need to register your pickup of sofas, left over garage sale items, mattress, etc. **Pickups will begin at 7 a.m.** Please stack items for pickup near the curb in front of your residence **prior to 7 a.m. on Saturday, May 12.** Items placed at the curb after 7 a.m. will not be picked up if crews have already come through the neighborhood. Crews cannot drive onto private property. No items will be picked up from the alleys. Items must be small enough to be handled by two people.



What Cannot be Placed on the Curb for the Clean Up

No household trash, brush or limbs, barrels, refrigerators, freezers, batteries, car parts, air conditioners, old vehicles, radiators, tires, large construction debris, paint or hazardous waste. To dispose of household hazardous wastes, such as auto products, paints and pesticides, call the Johnson County Hazardous Materials Collection Facility, 913.492.0402 to schedule your appointment. Call Public Works at 913-856-0914 for more information.

Please Help to Conserve Water

The City is asking for your assistance in an effort to balance water production. ***This plan asks that even numbered houses water on even days and odd numbered houses water on odd numbered days.*** This has been very successful in stabilizing peak water consumption and reducing demand on the system. It also helps conserve water in Hillsdale Lake, if the summer is dry.



Schedule of Public Meetings (120 E. Main Street)

City Council Regular Meetings

1st and 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

City Council Work Session

2nd Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m.

Planning Commission Regular Meetings

2nd Monday and 4th Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Gardner Municipal Court

2nd Tuesday of the month, the Wednesday following the 2nd Tuesday and the 4th Wednesday of the month (All court sessions begin at 6:00 p.m.)

Website Address

www.gardnerkansas.gov

Visit the New City Website at www.gardnerkansas.gov

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